

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production associated with a plurality of remote devices, the method comprising the steps of:

generating at least one informational message at a central server related to one or more of resource-consumption by, resource-production by and control of at least one device; and

transmitting the at least one informational message to at least one communication device, where the at least one communication device initiates at least one action ~~having the effect of~~ for providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device of one or more devices.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message comprises at least one control signal and wherein the at least one communication device comprises at least one interface unit, where the interface unit in communication with the one or more devices controls the at least one device in accordance with the at least one control signal, to take an action ~~having the effect of~~ for providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

receiving at least one command at the central server, wherein the at least one command is related to controlling at least one device and wherein the at least one informational message is generated based on the at least one command.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message comprises one or more of a request to adjust the at least one device, an order to adjust the at least one device, price data associated with the at least one device, change in price data, pricing period data, change in pricing period data, an incentive for an adjustment in the at least one device, a change in incentive, an incentive period, and change in incentive period.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein a condition triggering the at least one informational message is an anticipated future decrease in available energy to the device.\

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the condition comprises one or more of an anticipated future shortfall of available energy; a reduction in reserve or standby resource capacity; an energy-generation outage; an energy transmission outage, an energy distribution outage; and a terror or hacker attack on one or more of resource production, resource supply, resource transmission and resource distribution.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message comprises an instruction directed to one or more of activating and deactivating the at least one device.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message comprises an instruction to adjust the operation of the at least one device wherein the instruction to adjust the operation is directed to one or more of state, use, one or more parameters, one or more set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and scheduling of the at least one device.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting occurs over one or more of a bi-directional communication link; a cellular telephone network; a radio network, a satellite network, a paging network, a power transmission line; an Ethernet network, a packet network, Internet, a meter-reading network and multiple networks.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

associating one or more of charges and fees with the control of the at least one device.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

adjusting a bill associated with the at least one device pertaining to controlling the at least one device.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command is generated via an Internet interface.

Claim 13. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command is generated in accordance with a user profile.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein the user profile is associated with an entity having an interest in one or more of energy consuming devices, energy transmission devices and energy producing devices.

Claim 15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the user profile is associated with an entity that generates one or more commands.

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface unit comprises a plurality of interface units where each interface unit is in communication with at least one remote device.

Claim 17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the devices comprises one or more of an air-conditioner, boiler, motor starter and heater.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the devices comprise one or more of a power generator, generator control, automatic transfer switch, fuel cell, photovoltaic cell and wind turbine.

Claim 19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interface unit causes the adjustments of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein the interface unit comprises an energy metric component.

Claim 21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command is generated by one or more of a user associated with the at least one device; a supplier of a resource for operating the at least one device; a distributor of a resource for operating the at least one device; and a third party associated with one or more of supply, distribution and consumption of a resource for operating the at least one device.

Claim 22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message is generated automatically based on external data associated with the one or more of supply, distribution and consumption of a resource for operating the at least one device.

Claim 23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining an amount of change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device as a result of an adjustment of the at least one device.

Claim 24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the change represents a reduction of resource-consumption.

Claim 25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the change represents an increase of supply of a resource capable of being produced by the at least one device.

Claim 26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the change represents a combination of a reduction of resource-consumption and an increase of resource-production of a resource capable of being produced by the at least one device.

Claim 27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein data about the amount of change is collected electronically via one or more of a communication link; a cellular telephone network, a radio network, a satellite network, a paging network, an Ethernet network, a packet network, Internet, a power line and multiple networks.

Claim 28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:
determining that a current or an anticipated price of a resource is greater than a certain value.

Claim 29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
determining that the at least one device has been controlled in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
restoring the at least one device to a state or condition prior to an adjustment made in response to the at least one informational message.

Claim 31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of restoring further comprises adjusting one or more of state, use, one or more parameters, one or more set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and scheduling of the at least one device.

Claim 32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of restoring is performed after a predetermined period of time.

Claim 33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of restoring is performed in response to a trigger event.

Claim 34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein the trigger event comprises one or more of a reduction in shortfall of available energy; an increase in reserve or standby resource capacity; a reduction of end of an energy-generation outage; a reduction or end of an energy distribution outage; and a reduction or end of a terror or hacker attack on one or more of resource production, resource supply and resource distribution.

Claim 35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein the step of restoring is performed upon receipt of a restoring command.

Claim 36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the restoring command is automatically generated based on external data associated with one or more of supply, distribution and consumption of a resource associated with operation of the at least one device.

Claim 37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
adjusting a bill of a user associated with the one or more devices for one or more of activating, de-activating and controlling the at least one device in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

adjusting a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of resource consumption avoided as result of one or more of deactivating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

adjusting a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of supply added as a result of one or more of activating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

generating data for one or more of adjusting a bill and initiating a settlement action associated with the one or more devices for one or more of activating, deactivating and controlling the at least one device in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

adjusting a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of resource consumption avoided as a result of one or more of deactivating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

adjusting a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of supply added as a result of one or more of activating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 43. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

initiating a settlement action to ensure an accurate amount is paid to an appropriate recipient from an appropriate payer related to one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 44. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of:

initiating a settlement action to ensure a plurality of appropriate amounts is paid to a plurality of appropriate recipients from a plurality of appropriate payers.

Claim 45. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

compensating a user associated with the at least one device based on a difference between a predetermined baseline and an amount attributed to the change in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 46. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45, wherein the step of compensating is performed by crediting the user.

Claim 47. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45, wherein the baseline comprises an average amount of change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 48. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45, wherein the baseline is adjustable based on one or more of time frame, season, and weather data.

Claim 49. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein a user accepts an offer generated by the central server wherein the offer comprises an incentive for taking an action at or during a certain time.

Claim 50. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command comprises an offer from a user associated with the one or more devices to effectuate a change in one or more of consumption and supply of an associated resource for a certain consideration.

Claim 51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the change in one or more of consumption and supply comprises one or more of a reduction in consumption and an increase in supply of a resource.

Claim 52. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the offer is transmitted to one or more entities.

Claim 53. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 52, wherein at least one of the one or more entities determines whether to accept the offer.

Claim 54. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, further comprising the step of:
deciding based on one or more of price data, supply data and demand data whether to accept the offer before generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 55. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
generating at least one signal for terminating the action having the effect of providing the change; and

transmitting the at least one signal to the at least one interface unit, where the at least one interface unit in communication with the one or more devices controls the at least one device in accordance with the at least one signal, to take an action having the effect of terminating the action having the effect of providing the change.

Claim 56. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
generating at least one message regarding termination of the action having the effect of providing the change; and

transmitting the at least one message to the at least one communication device, where the at least one communication device is associated with at least one entity comprising one or more of a user and an owner of the at least one device.

Claim 57. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 56, wherein the at least one communication device is one or more of an email system or device, a pager, a telephone, an SMS or text-messaging device, a mobile computing device, a stationary computing device, a web browser, a server, a software program, a facsimile machine.

Claim 58. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message comprises an order to reduce resource-consumption or increase resource-production associated with the at least one device.

Claim 59. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command comprises an order to reduce resource-consumption or increase resource-production associated with the at least one device.

Claim 60. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 58, wherein the resource-consumption comprises energy consumption.

Claim 61. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 58, wherein the at least one informational message is capable of being overridden by an entity associated with the at least one device.

Claim 62. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 59, wherein the at least one command is capable of being overridden by an entity associated with the at least one device.

Claim 63. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message identifies a level of change from a plurality of levels of change wherein each level of change comprises a different level of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 64. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 58, further comprising the step of:
assessing one or more of price data, demand data, and supply data to determine the order.

Claim 65. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from an entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production by a predetermined amount.

Claim 66. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 65, wherein the predetermined amount comprises an estimated amount based on one or more of demand data, supply data, device data and contract data.

Claim 67. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 65, wherein the predetermined amount is stored in a user profile.

Claim 68. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more devices comprise one or more energy-related assets.

Claim 69. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more devices are selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated subsequent to the one or more device's initial activations, de-activations or adjustments.

Claim 70. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 69, wherein the one or more devices are selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated by at least one command.

Claim 71. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 69, wherein the one or more devices are selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated by an additional at least one informational message.

Claim 72. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 69, wherein the one or more devices may be selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated in response to with a message to a communication device associated with at least one intended recipient.

Claim 73. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from a first entity requesting a second entity to select a level of adjustment from a plurality of levels of response involving the second entity reducing resource-consumption or increasing resource-production.

Claim 74. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command comprises a request from a first entity requesting a second entity to select a level of adjustment from a plurality of levels of response involving the second entity reducing resource-consumption or increasing resource-production.

Claim 75. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 73, wherein the levels of adjustment comprise one or more of no adjustment and some adjustment.

Claim 76. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 73, wherein each level of adjustment has a corresponding incentive.

Claim 77. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 73, wherein the first entity comprises a supplier of a resource for operating the at least one device.

Claim 78. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on a user profile.

Claim 79. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command comprises a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on a user profile.

Claim 80. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, where the at least one informational message is based on a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment

concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on an overall target demand or supply goal for a plurality of entities.

Claim 81. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, where the at least one command comprises a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on an overall target demand or supply goal for a plurality of entities.

Claim 82. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 80, wherein the second entity decides how the level of adjustment is distributed throughout the one or more devices.

Claim 83. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 80, wherein the second entity decides the one or more devices to be adjusted and an order of adjustment for the one or more devices.

Claim 84. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 83, wherein an estimated amount of adjustment of each of the one or more devices is determined.

Claim 85. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 81, wherein the second entity decides how the level of adjustment is distributed throughout the one or more devices.

Claim 86. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 81, wherein the second entity decides the one or more devices to be adjusted and an order of adjustment for the one or more devices.

Claim 87. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from an entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production by a predetermined amount for an incentive.

Claim 88. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command comprises a request from an entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production by a predetermined amount for an incentive.

Claim 89. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 87, wherein a user associated with the one or more devices determines an amount of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production in response to the incentive.

Claim 90. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 87, wherein the resource-consumption comprises energy consumption.

Claim 91. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
transmitting a notification message to the at least one communication device
wherein the notification message informs one or more intended recipients of delivery or non-delivery of the at least one informational message.

Claim 92. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
transmitting a notification message to the at least one communication device wherein the notification message informs one or more intended recipients about the change in one or more of resource consumption and resource production.

Claim 93. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
calculating an amount of the change in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to an entity for a specific adjustment; and
storing the amount of the change in a database.

Claim 94. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 93, wherein the amount comprises one or more of an actual amount, estimated amount, measured amount, calculated amount, approximated amount, sampled amount, standardized amount, predetermined amount, extrapolated amount and interpolated amount.

Claim 95. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

calculating a potential amount of the change in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production for a given level of adjustment attributed to an entity; and storing the potential amount in a database.

Claim 96. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein each unit of change in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production within a defined area resulting from the action determines an amount of compensation.

Claim 97. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 96, wherein the unit of change in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production is a predetermined number of kilowatts or kilowatt-hours of energy.

Claim 98. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
enabling a user to trade, buy or sell an amount of one or more of the change of resource-consumption and resource-production via a trading system wherein the change comprises one or more of current change, future change and prior change.

Claim 99. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
enabling a user to accept one or more bids from one or more entities for an amount of change of one or more of the change of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 100. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
enabling a user to offer a projected amount of change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production wherein the at least one informational message is generated based on the projected amount.

Claim 101. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 100, wherein the one or more entities comprise one or more of other users, one or more resource providers, one or more resource

transmission entities, one or more resource distribution entities, trading entities, and an entity associated with the central server.

Claim 102. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
defining one or more conditions concerning bid acceptance from one or more entities for an adjustment in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 103. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
assessing a consumption amount of one or more resources associated with operation of one or more devices; and
assessing a supply amount of the one or more resources.

Claim 104. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 103, wherein the consumption amount comprises aggregate consumption data associated with a plurality of devices.

Claim 105. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 103, wherein the consumption amount comprises one or more of current consumption, theoretical consumption, anticipated consumption, a steady-state consumption for a predetermined time frame, a peak consumption for a predetermined time frame and an average consumption for a predetermined time frame.

Claim 106. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 103, wherein the consumption amount is extrapolated from a plurality of devices contributing to aggregate consumption within a predefined area.

Claim 107. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 106, wherein the plurality of devices comprise a combination of the one or more devices in communication with the at least one communication device and other devices.

Claim 108. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 103, further comprising the step of:

adjusting one or more of the resource-consumption and resource-production of the one or more devices based on the assessed consumption amount varying from the assessed supply amount by a predetermined amount.

Claim 109. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 108, wherein the assessed consumption amount comprises aggregate consumption data from a plurality of devices.

Claim 110. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
assessing price data associated with one or more resources associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the price data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 111. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 110, wherein the price data is compared to at least one predetermined price threshold.

Claim 112. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 111, wherein the at least one predetermined price threshold is stored in a user profile.

Claim 113. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
monitoring a plurality of devices; and
determining a plurality of price data based at least in part on the step of
monitoring data wherein the plurality of price data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 114. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 113, wherein the plurality of devices comprise one or more of resource transmission equipment, resource distribution equipment, the one or more devices and meter devices.

Claim 115. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
monitoring a plurality of devices; and

determining a plurality of price data based at least in part on the step of monitoring data wherein the plurality of price data is considered in generating the at least one command.

Claim 116. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

assessing price data associated with one or more resources associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the price data is considered in one or more of activating, deactivating, controlling, and not controlling the at least one device.

Claim 117. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

assessing forecast data of one or more of consumption amount and supply amount associated with one or more resources associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed forecast data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 118. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

assessing device function data associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed device function data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 119. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 118, wherein the device function data comprises one or more of cost data in operating a device, cost data of one or more resources for operating the device, information regarding an ability to adjust one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production by the at least one device and priority of controlling the devices in relation to other devices.

Claim 120. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

assessing weather condition data affecting the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed weather condition data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 121. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

assessing user profile data associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed user profile data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 122. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 121, wherein the user profile data comprises data representing one or more of an average demand and an average supply.

Claim 123. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

assessing one or more event conditions comprising one or more of power reduction warnings; national, region or local security warnings; power or energy shortage warnings; terrorist attacks; power outages; equipment outages; power system restoration; wherein the assessed one or more event conditions is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 124. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

identifying one or more energy curtailment mandates from an entity; wherein the one or more energy curtailment mandates is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 125. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 124, wherein the mandates are self-imposed.

Claim 126. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

balancing the operation of the one or more devices based at least in part on one or more of the consumption amount and the assessed supply amount.

- Claim 127.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 126, further comprising the step of:
balancing the operation of one or more devices among one or more entities.
- Claim 128.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving feedback data in response to transmission of the at least one
informational message; and
generating at least one additional informational message in accordance with the
feedback data.
- Claim 129.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving feedback data in response to an adjustment of the at least one device;
and
re-adjusting operation of one or more devices based at least in part on the
feedback data.
- Claim 130.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving feedback data in response to an adjustment of the at least one device;
generating at least one message based on the received feedback data; and
transmitting the at least one message to the at least one communication device,
wherein the at least one communication device is associated with at least one recipient.
- Claim 131.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the step of re-adjusting is
performed in response to an additional at least one informational message.
- Claim 132.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the step of re-adjusting
comprises one or more of activating, de-activating and controlling the one or more devices.
- Claim 133.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the feedback data comprises one
or more of device level data and user level data.

Claim 134. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the feedback data comprises aggregate data among a plurality of entities.

Claim 135. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the feedback data comprises aggregate data independent of specific entities.

Claim 136. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the step of re-adjusting further comprises adjusting an incentive associated with the adjustment of the at least one device.

Claim 137. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 129, wherein the step of re-adjusting further comprises adjusting a price associated with a resource associated with operation of the at least one device.

Claim 138. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
measuring at least one performance metric of the one or more devices;
predicting future performance of the one or more devices based on the step of
measuring; and
generating the at least one informational message based at least in part on the
predicted future performance.

Claim 139. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 138, wherein the at least one performance metric comprises one or more of state characteristics, parameters and operating characteristics and wherein the future performance comprises one or more of future resource-consumption and future resource-production.

Claim 140. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
monitoring one or more devices associated with a user, the user having a user
profile identifying the one or more devices; and

automatically generating the at least one informational message based at least in part on the step of monitoring.

Claim 141. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

identifying at least one trigger condition for automatically initiating adjustment of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device, wherein the adjustment is directed to one or more of state, use, parameter, set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and schedule associated with the at least one device; and generating the at least one informational message in response to an occurrence of the at least one trigger condition.

Claim 142. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined trigger condition defined by the user.

Claim 143. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined schedule of adjustments in the one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device.

Claim 144. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined weather condition where an occurrence of the predetermined weather condition triggers an automatic adjustment in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device.

Claim 145. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a warning message of an imminent event forcing power adjustment.

Claim 146. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving one or more of real-time, near real-time, forward and anticipated pricing data.

Claim 147. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 146, wherein the price data comprises market price data.

Claim 148. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving one or more of time of day, day of week, and season data.

Claim 149. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving current surplus and deficit resource availability data.

Claim 150. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving forecasted surplus and deficit capacity data.

Claim 151. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 141, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving a change in price of a resource with respect to a predetermined threshold.

Claim 152. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one command is from a user associated with the at least one device, the user having an associated user profile.

Claim 153. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 152, wherein the user profile defines in whole or in part an agreement between the user and an entity associated with the central server concerning a right to control of the one or more devices.

Claim 154. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 152, wherein an entity reserves a right to overrule rights associated with the user in operation of the one or more devices or in response to an event.

Claim 155. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 152, wherein the user defines or modifies all or in part one or more of the user profile and a profile in which the user has been assigned one or more rights.

Claim 156. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 155, wherein the user performs the defining or the modifying over the Internet.

Claim 157. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 152, wherein the user makes available all or part of the user profile in connection with participation in a resource trading network or exchange.

Claim 158. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 157, wherein the user shares data associated with the user profile with other users.

Claim 159. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one predetermined rule is related to controlling the at least one device.

Claim 160. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is defined by a user associated with the one or more devices.

Claim 161. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is defined at a user interface via the Internet.

Claim 162. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is stored in a user profile associated with a user.

Claim 163. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one predetermined rule comprises one or more situational rules where each situational rule is applicable for an identified circumstance.

Claim 164. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one predetermined rule comprises a predetermined rule specific for one or more devices.

Claim 165. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one predetermined rule varies in accordance with feedback data.

Claim 166. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 165, wherein the at least one predetermined rule varies situationally.

Claim 167. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 165, wherein the at least one predetermined rule varies dynamically.

Claim 168. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 159, wherein the at least one informational message is generated in accordance with the at least one predetermined rule.

Claim 169. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 168, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is directed to controlling one or more of one or more of state, use, one or more parameters, one or more set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and scheduling of the one or more devices.

Claim 170. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 169, wherein the at least one predetermined rule identifies how the one or more devices are monitored.

Claim 171. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 169, wherein the user defined rules comprise multiple levels of control or adjustment concerning the one or more devices.

Claim 172. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message initiates one or more actions involving activating and deactivating the at least one device or one or more components associated with the at least one device.

Claim 173. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one informational message initiates one or more actions involving changing a plurality of set points; changing a plurality of parameters; changing one or more inputs to the at least one device; changing state of the at least one device; reducing an amount of resource supplied to the at least one device over a predefined time period; changing a duty cycle of the at least one device; changing a usage schedule of the at least one device; changing a workload or utilization of the at least one device; changing one or more operating characteristics of the at least one device and changing programming of or software run by the at least one device.

Claim 174. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 169, wherein the at least one predetermined rule identifies one or more of when and how one or more adjustments to one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device are made.

Claim 175. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
identifying a user type; and
operating the one or more devices in a mode based on the user type during a predetermined event.

Claim 176. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving confirmation of the action taken; and
informing one or more recipients of the confirmed action taken.

Claim 177. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 176, wherein the step of informing comprises the steps of:

generating at least one message based on the confirmation; and

transmitting the at least one message to the at least one communication device,

wherein the at least one communication device is associated with at least one intended recipient.

Claim 178. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

identifying one or more devices that fail to take an action in accordance with the

at least one informational message ; and

informing one or more recipients of the identified one or more devices.

Claim 179. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 178, wherein the step of informing further comprises the steps of:

generating at least one message based on the step of identifying; and

transmitting the at least one message to the at least one communication device,

wherein the at least one communication device is associated with at least one intended recipient.

Claim 180. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production associated with a plurality of remote devices, the system comprising:

a central server that generates at least one informational message related to one or more of resource-consumption by, resource-production by and control of at least one device of one or more devices; and

a communication link that transmits the at least one informational message to at least one communication device, where the at least one communication device initiates at least one action

~~having the effect of for~~ providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 181. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message comprises at least one control signal and wherein the at least one communication device comprises at least one interface unit, where the interface unit in communication with the one or more devices controls the at least one device in accordance with the at least one control signal, to take an action ~~having the effect of for~~ providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 182. (Original) The system of claim 180, wherein the central server receives at least one command, wherein the at least one command is related to controlling at least one device and wherein the at least one informational message is generated based on the at least one command.

Claims 183. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message comprises one or more of a request to adjust the at least one device, an order to adjust the at least one device, price data associated with the at least one device, change in price data, pricing period data, change in pricing period data, an incentive for an adjustment in the at least one device, a change in incentive, an incentive period, and change in incentive period.

Claim 184. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein a condition triggering the at least one informational message is an anticipated future decrease in available energy to the device.

Claim 185. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 184, wherein the condition comprises one or more of an anticipated future shortfall of available energy; a reduction in reserve or standby resource capacity; an energy-generation outage; an energy transmission outage, an energy

distribution outage; and a terror or hacker attack on one or more of resource production, resource supply, resource transmission and resource distribution.

Claim 186. (Original) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message comprises an instruction directed to one or more of activating and deactivating the at least one device.

Claim 187. (Original) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message comprises an instruction to adjust the operation of the at least one device wherein the instruction to adjust the operation is directed to one or more of state, use, one or more parameters, one or more set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and scheduling of the at least one device.

Claims 188. (Withdrawn). The system of claim 180, wherein the step of transmitting occurs over one or more of a bi-directional communication link; a cellular telephone network; a radio network, a satellite network, a paging network, a power transmission line; an Ethernet network, a packet network, Internet, a meter-reading network and multiple networks.

Claim 189. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a billing module that associates one or more of charges and fees with the control of the at least one device.

Claim 190. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a billing module that adjusts a bill associated with the at least one device pertaining to controlling the at least one device.

Claim 191. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command is generated via an Internet interface.

Claim 192. (Original) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command is generated in accordance with a user profile.

Claim 193. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 192, wherein the user profile is associated with an entity having an interest in one or more of energy consuming devices, energy transmission devices and energy producing devices.

Claim 194. (Original) The system of claim 192, wherein the user profile is associated with an entity that generates one or more commands.

Claim 195. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the interface unit comprises a plurality of interface units where each interface unit is in communication with at least one remote device.

Claim 196. (Original) The system of claim 180, wherein the devices comprises one or more of an air-conditioner, boiler, motor starter and heater.

Claim 197. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the devices comprise one or more of a power generator, generator control, automatic transfer switch, fuel cell, photovoltaic cell and wind turbine.

Claim 198. (Original) The system of claim 180, wherein the interface unit causes the adjustments of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claims 199. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 181, wherein the interface unit comprises an energy metric component.

Claim 200. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command is generated by one or more of a user associated with the at least one device; a supplier of a resource for operating the at least one device; a distributor of a resource for operating the at least one device; and a third party associated with one or more of supply, distribution and consumption of a resource for operating the at least one device.

Claim 201. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message is generated automatically based on external data associated with the one or more of supply, distribution and consumption of a resource for operating the at least one device.

Claim 202. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a determining module that determines an amount of change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device as a result of an adjustment of the at least one device.

Claim 203. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 202, wherein the change represents a reduction of resource-consumption.

Claim 204. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 202, wherein the change represents an increase of supply of a resource capable of being produced by the at least one device.

Claim 205. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 202, wherein the change represents a combination of a reduction of resource-consumption and an increase of resource-production of a resource capable of being produced by the at least one device.

Claim 206. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 202, wherein data about the amount of change is collected electronically via one or more of a communication link; a cellular telephone network, a radio network, a satellite network, a paging network, an Ethernet network, a packet network, Internet, a power line and multiple networks.

Claim 207. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 202, further comprising:
a determining module that determines that a current or an anticipated price of a resource is greater than a certain value.

Claim 208. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a determining module that determines that the at least one device has been controlled in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 209. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a command module that restores the at least one device to a state or condition prior to an adjustment made in response to the at least one informational message.

Claim 210. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 209, wherein the command module restores one or more of state, use, one or more parameters, one or more set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and scheduling of the at least one device.

Claim 211. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 209, wherein the restoring is performed after a predetermined period of time.

Claim 212. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 209, wherein the restoring is performed in response to a trigger event.

Claim 213. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 212, wherein the trigger event comprises one or more of a reduction in shortfall of available energy; an increase in reserve or standby resource capacity; a reduction or end of an energy-generation outage; a reduction or end of an energy distribution outage; and a reduction or end of a terror or hacker attack on one or more of resource production, resource supply and resource distribution.

Claim 214. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 212, wherein the restoring is performed upon receipt of a restoring command.

Claim 215. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 214, wherein the restoring command is automatically generated based on external data associated with one or more of supply, distribution and consumption of a resource associated with operation of the at least one device.

Claim 216. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a billing module that adjusts a bill of a user associated with the one or more devices for one or more of activating, de-activating and controlling the at least one device in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 217. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a billing module that adjust a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of resource consumption avoided as result of one or more of deactivating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 218. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a billing module that adjusts a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of supply added as a result of one or more of activating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 219. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a billing module that generates data for one or more of adjusting a bill and initiating a settlement action associated with the one or more devices for one or more of activating, deactivating and controlling the at least one device in accordance with the at least one informational message.

Claim 220. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a billing module that adjusts a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of resource consumption avoided as a result of one or more of deactivating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 221. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a billing module that adjusts a bill associated with the one or more devices for an amount of supply added as a result of one or more of activating and controlling the at least one device.

Claim 222. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a settlement module that initiates a settlement action to ensure an accurate amount is paid to an appropriate recipient from an appropriate payer related to one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 223. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 219, further comprising:

a settlement module that initiates a settlement action to ensure a plurality of appropriate amounts is paid to a plurality of appropriate recipients from a plurality of appropriate payers.

Claim 224. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a credit module that compensates a user associated with the at least one device based on a difference between a predetermined baseline and an amount attributed to the change in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 225. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 224, wherein the compensating is performed by crediting the user.

Claim 226. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 224, wherein the baseline comprises an average amount of change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 227. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 224, wherein the baseline is adjustable based on one or more of time frame, season, and weather data.

Claim 228. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein a user accepts an offer generated by the central server wherein the offer comprises an incentive for taking an action at or during a certain time.

Claim 229. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command comprises an offer from a user associated with the one or more devices to effectuate a change in one or more of consumption and supply of an associated resource for a certain consideration.

Claim 230. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 229, wherein the change in one or more of consumption and supply comprises one or more of a reduction in consumption and an increase in supply of a resource.

Claim 231. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 229, wherein the offer is transmitted to one or more entities.

Claim 232. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 231, wherein at least one of the one or more entities determines whether to accept the offer.

Claim 233. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 229, further comprising:

a decision module that decides based on one or more of price data, supply data and demand data whether to accept the offer before generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 234. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 181, wherein at least one signal is generated for terminating the action having the effect of providing the change; and the at least one signal is transmitted to the at least one interface unit, where the at least one interface unit in communication with the one or more devices controls the at least one device in accordance with

the at least one signal, to take an action having the effect of terminating the action having the effect of providing the change.

Claim 235. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 179, wherein at least one message is generated regarding termination of the action having the effect of providing the change; and the at least one message is transmitted to the at least one communication device, where the at least one communication device is associated with at least one entity comprising one or more of a user and an owner of the at least one device.

Claim 236. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 235, wherein the at least one communication device is one or more of an email system or device, a pager, a telephone, an SMS or text-messaging device, a mobile computing device, a stationary computing device, a web browser, a server, a software program, a facsimile machine.

Claim 237. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message comprises an order to reduce resource-consumption or increase resource-production associated with the at least one device.

Claim 238. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command comprises an order to reduce resource-consumption or increase resource-production associated with the at least one device.

Claim 239. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 237, wherein the resource-consumption comprises energy consumption.

Claim 240. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 237, wherein the at least one informational message is capable of being overridden by an entity associated with the at least one device.

Claim 241. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 238, wherein the at least one command is capable of being overridden by an entity associated with the at least one device.

Claim 242. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message identifies a level of change from a plurality of levels of change wherein each level of change comprises a different level of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 243. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 237, wherein one or more of price data, demand data, and supply data are assessed to determine the order.

Claim 244. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from an entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production by a predetermined amount.

Claim 245. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 244, wherein the predetermined amount comprises an estimated amount based on one or more of demand data, supply data, device data and contract data.

Claim 246. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 244, wherein the predetermined amount is stored in a user profile.

Claim 247. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the one or more devices comprise one or more energy-related assets.

Claim 248. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the one or more devices are selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated subsequent to the one or more device's initial activations, de-activations or adjustments.

Claim 249. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 248, wherein the one or more devices are selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated by at least one command.

Claim 250. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 248, wherein the one or more devices are selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated by an additional at least one informational message.

Claim 251. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 248, wherein the one or more devices may be selectively re-adjusted, activated or deactivated in response to with a message to a communication device associated with at least one intended recipient.

Claim 252. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from a first entity requesting a second entity to select a level of adjustment from a plurality of levels of response involving the second entity reducing resource-consumption or increasing resource-production.

Claim 253. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command comprises a request from a first entity requesting a second entity to select a level of adjustment from a plurality of levels of response involving the second entity reducing resource-consumption or increasing resource-production.

Claim 254. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 252, wherein the levels of adjustment comprise one or more of no adjustment and some adjustment.

Claim 255. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 252, wherein each level of adjustment has a corresponding incentive.

Claim 256. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 252, wherein the first entity comprises a supplier of a resource for operating the at least one device.

Claim 257. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment

concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on a user profile.

Claim 258. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command comprises a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on a user profile.

Claim 259. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, where the at least one informational message is based on a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on an overall target demand or supply goal for a plurality of entities.

Claim 260. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, where the at least one command comprises a request from a first entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production where a level of adjustment concerning one or more of resource-consumption or resource production is calculated for the second entity based on an overall target demand or supply goal for a plurality of entities.

Claim 261. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 259, wherein the second entity decides how the level of adjustment is distributed throughout the one or more devices.

Claim 262. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 259, wherein the second entity decides the one or more devices to be adjusted and an order of adjustment for the one or more devices.

Claim 263. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 262, wherein an estimated amount of adjustment of each of the one or more devices is determined.

Claim 264. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 260, wherein the second entity decides how the level of adjustment is distributed throughout the one or more devices.

Claim 265. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 260, wherein the second entity decides the one or more devices to be adjusted and an order of adjustment for the one or more devices.

Claim 266. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message is based on a request from an entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production by a predetermined amount for an incentive.

Claim 267. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command comprises a request from an entity requesting one or more of a reduction in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production by a predetermined amount for an incentive.

Claim 268. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 266, wherein a user associated with the one or more devices determines an amount of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production in response to the incentive.

Claim 269. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 266, wherein the resource-consumption comprises energy consumption.

Claim 270. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a transmitting module that transmits a notification message to the at least one communication device wherein the notification message informs one or more intended recipients of delivery or non-delivery of the at least one informational message.

Claim 271. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, further comprising:
a transmitting module that transmits a notification message to the at least one communication device wherein the notification message informs one or more intended recipients about the change in one or more of resource consumption and resource production.

Claim 272. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
determining module that calculates an amount of the change in one or more of
resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to an entity for a specific adjustment;
and

a database that stores the amount of the change.

Claim 273. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 272, wherein the amount comprises one or
more of an actual amount, estimated amount, measured amount, calculated amount,
approximated amount, sampled amount, standardized amount, predetermined amount,
extrapolated amount and interpolated amount.

Claim 274. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a determining module that calculates a potential amount of the change in one or
more of resource-consumption and resource-production for a given level of adjustment attributed
to an entity; and

a database that stores the potential amount.

Claim 275. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein each unit of change in one or
more of resource-consumption and resource-production within a defined area resulting from the
action determines an amount of compensation.

Claim 276. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 275, wherein the unit of change in one or more
of resource-consumption and resource-production is a predetermined number of kilowatts or
kilowatt-hours of energy.

Claim 277. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a trade module that enables a user to trade, buy or sell an amount of one or more of the change of resource-consumption and resource-production via a trading system wherein the change comprises one or more of current change, future change and prior change.

Claim 278. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a bidding module that enables a user to accept one or more bids from one or more entities for an amount of change of one or more of the change of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 279. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a trade module that enables a user to offer a projected amount of change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production wherein the at least one informational message is generated based on the projected amount.

Claim 280. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 279, wherein the one or more entities comprise one or more of other users, one or more resource providers, one or more resource transmission entities, one or more resource distribution entities, trading entities, and an entity associated with the central server.

Claim 281. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein one or more conditions are defined concerning bid acceptance from one or more entities for an adjustment in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production.

Claim 282. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a consumption module that assesses a consumption amount of one or more resources associated with operation of one or more devices; and

a supply module that assesses a supply amount of the one or more resources.

Claim 283. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 282, wherein the consumption amount comprises aggregate consumption data associated with a plurality of devices.

Claim 284. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 282, wherein the consumption amount comprises one or more of current consumption, theoretical consumption, anticipated consumption, a steady-state consumption for a predetermined time frame, a peak consumption for a predetermined time frame and an average consumption for a predetermined time frame.

Claim 285. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 282, wherein the consumption amount is extrapolated from a plurality of devices contributing to aggregate consumption within a predefined area.

Claim 286. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 285, wherein the plurality of devices comprise a combination of the one or more devices in communication with the at least one communication device and other devices.

Claim 287. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 282, further comprising:
an adjustment module that adjusts one or more of the resource-consumption and resource-production of the one or more devices based on the assessed consumption amount varying from the assessed supply amount by a predetermined amount.

Claim 288. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 287, wherein the assessed consumption amount comprises aggregate consumption data from a plurality of devices.

Claim 289. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a market module that assesses price data associated with one or more resources associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the price data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 290. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 289, wherein the price data is compared to at least one predetermined price threshold.

Claim 291. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 290, wherein the at least one predetermined price threshold is stored in a user profile.

Claim 292. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a monitor module that monitors a plurality of devices and determines a plurality of price data based at least in part on the step of monitoring data wherein the plurality of price data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 293. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 292, wherein the plurality of devices comprise one or more of resource transmission equipment, resource distribution equipment, the one or more devices and meter devices.

Claim 294. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 182, further comprising:
a monitor module that monitors a plurality of devices and determines a plurality of price data based at least in part on the step of monitoring data wherein the plurality of price data is considered in generating the at least one command.

Claim 295. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a market module that assesses price data associated with one or more resources associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the price data is considered in one or more of activating, deactivating, controlling, and not controlling the at least one device.

Claim 296. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a forecast module that assesses forecast data of one or more of consumption amount and supply amount associated with one or more resources associated with the operation

of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed forecast data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 297. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a device module that assesses device function data associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed device function data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 298. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 297, wherein the device function data comprises one or more of cost data in operating a device, cost data of one or more resources for operating the device, information regarding an ability to adjust one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production by the at least one device and priority of controlling the devices in relation to other devices.

Claim 299. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a weather module that assesses weather condition data affecting the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed weather condition data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 300. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a user profile that assesses user profile data associated with the operation of the one or more devices; wherein the assessed user profile data is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 301. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 300, wherein the user profile data comprises data representing one or more of an average demand and an average supply.

Claim 302. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

an event module that assesses one or more event conditions comprising one or more of power reduction warnings; national, region or local security warnings; power or energy shortage warnings; terrorist attacks; power outages; equipment outages; power system restoration; wherein the assessed one or more event conditions is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 303. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

an event module that identifies one or more energy curtailment mandates from an entity; wherein the one or more energy curtailment mandates is considered in generating the at least one informational message.

Claim 304. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 303, wherein the mandates are self-imposed.

Claim 305. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

an adjustment module that balances the operation of the one or more devices based at least in part on one or more of the consumption amount and the assessed supply amount.

Claim 306. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 305, wherein the operation of one or more devices is balanced among one or more entities.

Claim 307. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a feedback module that receives feedback data in response to transmission of the at least one informational message and generates at least one additional informational message in accordance with the feedback data.

Claim 308. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a feedback module that receives feedback data in response to an adjustment of the at least one device and re-adjusts operation of one or more devices based at least in part on the feedback data.

Claim 309. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a feedback module that receives feedback data in response to an adjustment of the at least one device; generating at least one message based on the received feedback data; and transmits the at least one message to the at least one communication device, wherein the at least one communication device is associated with at least one recipient.

Claim 310. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the re-adjusting is performed in response to an additional at least one informational message.

Claim 311. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the re-adjusting comprises one or more or activating, de-activating and controlling the one or more devices.

Claim 312. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the feedback data comprises one or more of device level data and user level data.

Claim 313. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the feedback data comprises aggregate data among a plurality of entities.

Claim 314. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the feedback data comprises aggregate data independent of specific entities.

Claim 315. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the re-adjusting further comprises adjusting an incentive associated with the adjustment of the at least one device.

Claim 316. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 308, wherein the re-adjusting further comprises adjusting a price associated with a resource associated with operation of the at least one device.

Claim 317. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a forecast module that measures at least one performance metric of the one or more devices; predicts future performance of the one or more devices based on the step of

measuring; and generates the at least one informational message based at least in part on the predicted future performance.

Claim 318. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 317, wherein the at least one performance metric comprises one or more of state characteristics, parameters and operating characteristics and wherein the future performance comprises one or more of future resource-consumption and future resource-production.

Claim 319. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a monitor module that monitors one or more devices associated with a user, the user having a user profile identifying the one or more devices; and

a trigger event module that automatically generates the at least one informational message based at least in part on the step of monitoring.

Claim 320. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:

a trigger event module that identifies at least one trigger condition for automatically initiating adjustment of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device, wherein the adjustment is directed to one or more of state, use, parameter, set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and schedule associated with the at least one device and generates the at least one informational message in response to an occurrence of the at least one trigger condition.

Claim 321. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined trigger condition defined by the user.

Claim 322. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined schedule of adjustments in the one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device.

Claim 323. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined weather condition where an occurrence of the predetermined weather condition triggers an automatic adjustment in one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device.

Claim 324. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a warning message of an imminent event forcing power adjustment.

Claim 325. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving one or more of real-time, near real-time, forward and anticipated pricing data.

Claim 326. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 325, wherein the price data comprises market price data.

Claim 327. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving one or more of time of day, day of week, and season data.

Claim 328. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving current surplus and deficit resource availability data.

Claim 329. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving forecasted surplus and deficit capacity data.

Claim 330. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 320, wherein the at least one trigger condition comprises a predetermined condition involving a change in price of a resource with respect to a predetermined threshold.

Claim 331. (Original) The system of claim 182, wherein the at least one command is from a user associated with the at least one device, the user having an associated user profile.

Claims 332. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 331, wherein the user profile defines in whole or in part an agreement between the user and an entity associated with the central server concerning a right to control of the one or more devices.

Claim 333. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 331, wherein an entity reserves a right to overrule rights associated with the user in operation of the one or more devices or in response to an event.

Claim 334. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 331, wherein the user defines or modifies all or in part one or more of the user profile and a profile in which the user has been assigned one or more rights.

Claim 335. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 332, wherein the user performs the defining or the modifying over the Internet.

Claim 336. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 331, wherein the user makes available all or part of the user profile in connection with participation in a resource trading network or exchange.

Claim 337. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 336, wherein the user shares data associated with the user profile with other users.

Claim 338. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein at least one predetermined rule is related to controlling the at least one device.

Claim 339. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is defined by a user associated with the one or more devices.

Claim 340. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is defined at a user interface via the Internet.

Claim 341. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is stored in a user profile associated with a user.

Claim 342. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one predetermined rule comprises one or more situational rules where each situational rule is applicable for an identified circumstance.

Claim 343. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one predetermined rule comprises a predetermined rule specific for one or more devices.

Claim 344. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one predetermined rule varies in accordance with feedback data.

Claim 345. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 344, wherein the at least one predetermined rule varies situationally.

Claim 346. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 344, wherein the at least one predetermined rule varies dynamically.

Claim 347. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 338, wherein the at least one informational message is generated in accordance with the at least one predetermined rule.

Claim 348. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 347, wherein the at least one predetermined rule is directed to controlling one or more of one or more of state, use, one or more parameters, one or more set points, operating characteristics, duty cycle, control logic and scheduling of the one or more devices.

Claim 349. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 348, wherein the at least one predetermined rule identifies how the one or more devices are monitored.

Claim 350. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 348, wherein the user defined rules comprise multiple levels of control or adjustment concerning the one or more devices.

Claim 351. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message initiates one or more actions involving activating and deactivating the at least one device or one or more components associated with the at least one device.

Claim 352. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one informational message initiates one or more actions involving changing a plurality of set points; changing a plurality of parameters; changing one or more inputs to the at least one device; changing state of the at least one device; reducing an amount of resource supplied to the at least one device over a predefined time period; changing a duty cycle of the at least one device; changing a usage schedule of the at least one device; changing a workload or utilization of the at least one device; changing one or more operating characteristics of the at least one device and changing programming of or software run by the at least one device.

Claim 353. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 348, wherein the at least one predetermined rule identifies one or more of when and how one or more adjustments to one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device are made.

Claim 354. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a user module that identifies a user type; and operates the one or more devices in a mode based on the user type during a predetermined event.

Claim 355. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a confirmation module that receives confirmation of the action taken and informs one or more recipients of the confirmed action taken.

Claim 356. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 355, wherein the confirmation module generates at least one message based on the confirmation; and transmits the at least one message to the at least one communication device, wherein the at least one communication device is associated with at least one intended recipient.

Claim 357. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, further comprising:
a confirmation module that identifies one or more devices that fail to take an action in accordance with the at least one informational message and informs one or more recipients of the identified one or more devices.

Claim 358. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 178, wherein the confirmation module generates at least one message based on the step of identifying and transmits the at least one message to the at least one communication device, wherein the at least one communication device is associated with at least one intended recipient.

Claim 359. (Withdrawn) A method for managing one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of a plurality of devices, the method comprising the steps of:

making a determination concerning one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of one or more devices; and

transmitting at least one command to a central server, wherein the at least one command is related to controlling at least one device and is based at least in part on the determination and wherein the central server generates at least one control signal based on the at least one command for controlling the at least one device and transmits the at least one control signal to an interface unit to take an action having an effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 360. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:

receiving data associated with one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the one or more devices, wherein the received data is considered in generating the at least one control signal.

Claim 361. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:

receiving data associated with one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the one or more devices, wherein the received data is considered in generating the at least one command.

Claim 362. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:

creating a user profile for monitoring the one or more devices wherein the user profile comprises at least one predetermined rule for adjusting one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device and wherein the at least one control signal is automatically generated in accordance with the at least one predetermined rule.

Claim 363. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 362, wherein the user profile comprises a model providing data describing functionality attributed to the one or more devices.

Claim 364. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 363, wherein the data comprises one or more of individual device data, aggregate data, resource-consumption data and resource-production data.

Claim 365. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:

receiving a message indicating a credit for an amount of the change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device.

Claim 366. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:

receiving a message indicating a confirmation of the action taken in accordance with the at least one control signal.

- Claim 367.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:
offering an amount of the change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device to one or more entities.
- Claim 368.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 360, wherein the step of receiving data further comprises the step of:
receiving external data affecting an operation of the at least one device wherein the external data is used to define a trigger condition for automatically generating the at least one command for adjusting the resource-consumption of the at least one device.
- Claim 369.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:
monitoring price data of a resource associated with an operation of the at least one device.
- Claim 370.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:
determining whether to offer a reduction in resource-consumption based on one or more of price data and forecast data.
- Claim 371.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, further comprising the step of:
initiating an offer to reduce resource-consumption for a predetermined amount.
- Claim 372.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 371, wherein the offer is initiated when a market price for a resource exceeds a predetermined level.
- Claim 373.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 371, wherein the offer is initiated when a rate period for a resource changes.
- Claim 374.** (Withdrawn) The method of claim 362, wherein the user profile is created at the central server.

Claim 375. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 359, wherein data comprises aggregate resource consumption data for a predetermined area.

Claim 376. (Withdrawn) A system for managing one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of a plurality of devices, the system comprising:

a determination module that makes a determination concerning one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of one or more devices; and

a transmitting module that transmits at least one command to a central server, wherein the at least one command is related to controlling at least one device and is based at least in part on the determination and wherein the central server generates at least one control signal based on the at least one command for controlling the at least one device and transmits the at least one control signal to an interface unit to take an action having an effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 377. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein data associated with one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the one or more devices is received, wherein the received data is considered in generating the at least one control signal.

Claim 378. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein data associated with one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the one or more devices is received, wherein the received data is considered in generating the at least one command.

Claim 379. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, further comprising:

a user profile that enables a user to monitor the one or more devices wherein the user profile comprises at least one predetermined rule for adjusting one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device and wherein the at least one control signal is automatically generated in accordance with the at least one predetermined rule.

Claim 380. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 379, wherein the user profile comprises a model providing data describing functionality attributed to the one or more devices.

Claim 381. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 380, wherein the data comprises one or more of individual device data, aggregate data, resource-consumption data and resource-production data.

Claim 382. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein a message is received indicating a credit for an amount of the change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of the at least one device.

Claim 383. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein a message is received indicating a confirmation of the action taken in accordance with the at least one control signal.

Claim 384. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, further comprising:
a trading module that enables a user to offer an amount of the change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device to one or more entities.

Claim 385. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 377, wherein external data affecting an operation of the at least one device is received wherein the external data is used to define a trigger condition for automatically generating the at least one command for adjusting the resource-consumption of the at least one device.

Claim 386. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein price data of a resource associated with an operation of the at least one device is monitored.

Claim 387. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein whether to offer a reduction in resource-consumption based on one or more of price data and forecast data is determined.

Claim 388. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein an offer to reduce resource-consumption for a predetermined amount is initiated.

Claim 389. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 388, wherein the offer is initiated when a market price for a resource exceeds a predetermined level.

Claim 390. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 388, wherein the offer is initiated when a rate period for a resource changes.

Claim 391. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 379, wherein the user profile is created at the central server.

Claim 392. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 376, wherein data comprises aggregate resource consumption data for a predetermined area.

Claim 393. (Withdrawn) A method for managing one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of a plurality of devices, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one control signal at one or more interface units wherein the at least one control signal is related to controlling at least one device; and

communicating with the at least one device in accordance with the at least one control signal, to take an action having the effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 394. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 393, further comprising the step of: reporting confirmation of receipt of the communication to a central server.

Claim 395. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 394, wherein the confirmation is communicated to at least one communication device associated with one or more intended recipients via a preferred mode of communication.

Claim 396. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 393, further comprising the step of:

reporting confirmation of the action to a central server.

Claim 397. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 396, wherein the confirmation is communicated to at least one communication device associated with one or more intended recipients via a preferred mode of communication.

Claim 398. The method of claim 393, wherein data comprising one or more of resource-consumption, resource-production, device performance, device parameters, device state, device usage, exception conditions, change in resource consumption or production are measured, individually or collectively.

Claim 399. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 398, wherein the measured data is communicated to one or more intended recipients via a preferred mode of communication.

Claim 400. (Withdrawn) A method for managing one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of a plurality of devices, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one control signal at one or more interface units wherein the at least one control signal is related to controlling at least one device; and

performing one or more of displaying data and activating, de-activating, and altering one or more of an indicator and an alarm in response to the at least one control signal, to provide information associated with taking an action having the effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 401. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 400, wherein the data comprises one or more of resource-consumption, resource-production, device performance, device parameters, and change in resource consumption or production.

Claim 402. (Withdrawn) A system for managing one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of a plurality of devices, the system comprising:

a receiving module that receives at least one control signal at one or more interface units wherein the at least one control signal is related to controlling at least one device; and

a communication module that communicates with the at least one device in accordance with the at least one control signal, to take an action having the effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 403. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 402, wherein confirmation of the receipt of the communication is reported to a central server.

Claim 404. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 403, wherein the confirmation is communicated to at least one communication device associated with one or more intended recipients via a preferred mode of communication.

Claim 405. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 402, wherein confirmation of the action is reported to a central server.

Claim 406. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 405, wherein the confirmation is communicated to at least one communication device associated with one or more intended recipients via a preferred mode of communication.

Claim 407. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 402, wherein data comprising one or more of resource-consumption, resource-production, device performance, device parameters, exception conditions, change in resource consumption or production are measured, individually or collectively.

Claim 408. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 407, wherein the measured data is communicated to one or more intended recipients via a preferred mode of communication.

Claim 409. (Withdrawn) A system for managing one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production of a plurality of devices, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one control signal at one or more interface units wherein the at least one control signal is related to controlling at least one device; and

performing one or more of displaying data and activating, de-activating, and alerting one or more of an indicator and an alarm, in response to the at least one control signal, to provide information associated with taking an action having the effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to the at least one device.

Claim 410. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 409, wherein the data comprises one or more of resource-consumption, resource-production, device performance, device parameters, and change in resource consumption or production.

Claim 411. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one device comprises an identifier component for identifying one or more of identity, make, model, serial number, type, category, ownership, location, electronic address, operation, power requirements, resource-consumption, resource-production, power profile, adjustability, current state, current parameters associated with the at least one device to the at least one communication device.

Claim 412. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 411, wherein the power profile comprises one or more of an amount of power being drawn and when the amount of power is being drawn.

Claim 413. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 411, wherein the adjustability refers to an ability to adjust to a plurality of levels of adjustment.

Claim 414. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 180, wherein the at least one device comprises an identifier component for identifying one or more of identity, make, model, serial number, type, category, ownership, location, electronic address, operation, power requirements, resource-consumption, resource-production, power profile, adjustability, current state, current parameters associated with the at least one device to the at least one communication device.

Claim 415. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 414, wherein the power profile comprises one or more of an amount of power being drawn and when the amount of power is being drawn.

Claim 416. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 414, wherein the adjustability refers to an ability to adjust to a plurality of levels of adjustment.

Claim 417. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production associated with a plurality of remote devices, the method comprising the steps of:

identifying at least one station from a plurality of stations for adjusting one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production associated with the at least one station;

generating a message related to one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production for the at least one station; and

transmitting the message to the at least one station wherein the at least one station generates an informational message to at least one communication device where the at least one communication device enables the taking of at least one action having the effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to at least one device associated with the at least one communication device.

Claim 418. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 417, wherein the message comprises a command comprising one or more of a decrease in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production.

Claim 419. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 417, wherein the at least one communication device provides confirmation data to the at least one station in response to the taking of the at least one action.

Claim 420. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 419, wherein confirmation data comprises data related to one or more of compliance, non-compliance and measure of compliance.

Claim 421. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 419, wherein the at least one station gathers aggregate data concerning the change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production from a plurality of communication devices.

Claim 422. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 417, wherein the at least one station operates in a failure mode in response to a condition wherein the condition affects operation of the at least one station.

Claim 423. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 422, wherein at least one backup station operates on behalf of the at least one station.

Claim 424. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 423, wherein the at least one backup station comprises a plurality of backup stations where each one of the plurality of backup stations rotate responsibility for the at least one station in failure mode.

Claim 425. (Withdrawn) A system for controlling one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production associated with a plurality of remote devices, the system comprising:

a module that identifies at least one station from a plurality of stations for adjusting one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production associated with the at

least one station and generates a message related to one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production for the at least one station; and

a communication link that transmits the message to the at least one station wherein the at least one station generates an informational message to at least one communication device where the at least one communication device enables the taking of at least one action having the effect of providing a change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production attributed to at least one device associated with the at least one communication device.

Claim 426. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 425, wherein the message comprises a command comprising one or more of a decrease in resource-consumption and an increase in resource-production.

Claim 427. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 425, wherein the at least one communication device provides confirmation data to the at least one station in response to the taking of the at least one action.

Claim 428. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 427, wherein confirmation data comprises data related to one or more of compliance, non-compliance and measure of compliance.

Claim 429. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 427, wherein the at least one station gathers aggregate data concerning the change of one or more of resource-consumption and resource-production from a plurality of communication devices.

Claim 430. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 425, wherein the at least one station operates in a failure mode in response to a condition wherein the condition affects operation of the at least one station.

Claim 431. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 430, wherein at least one backup station operates on behalf of the at least one station.

Claim 432. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 431, wherein the at least one backup station comprises a plurality of backup stations where each one of the plurality of backup stations rotate responsibility for the at least one station in failure mode.